The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said:] “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’

But I say to you, Do not resist an evil-doer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek,

turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak

as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile.

Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’

I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good,
and sends rain on the righteous and on the un-right-eous. 46 For if you love those who love you, what re-ward do you have? Do not e-ven the tax col-lect-ors do the same? 47 And if you greet on-ly your broth-ers and sis- ters, what more are you do-ing than oth-ers? Do not e-ven the Gen-tiles do the same? 48 Be per-fect, there-fore, as your heav-en-ly Fa-ther is per-fect.

Vir. The Gos-pel of the Lord. Re. Praise to you, Lord Christ.